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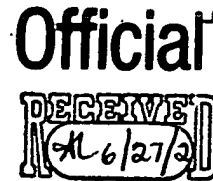
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Response and Amendment

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Hon. Commissioner,

In response to the office action mailed January 2, 2002, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and related remarks.

In the Claims

- 1 1. (Amended) A system for providing the transfer of and the controlled access to [an] a version
- 2 of an object and other associated information a file by a plurality of users comprising:
- 3 a database for storing an object and associated information, the object comprising
- 4 distinguishable groups of data, each group of data having associated access criteria for access to
- 5 the groups of data;